

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA**

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Condition of Paper Mills
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the condition of paper mills of Assam situated in Marigon and Cachar Districts;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) whether the Government is planning to change the present management of the said mills and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

(a) Yes, Madam. The production at Cachar Paper Mill (CPM) got suspended. However Nagaon Paper Mill is running and is giving production.

(b) Production in both the units of HPC viz. CPM and NPM have been suffering due to non-availability of coal owing to blanket ban imposed by National Green Tribunal on mining and transportation of coal in the state of Meghalaya. The Government of India after realizing the problems faced by CPM has taken a slew of measures which includes working capital support and grant for meeting its operational costs on account of transportation exclusively to mitigate the logistic disadvantages of CPM. Moreover, Government has provided assistance for conversion of Meter Gauge (MG) to Broad Gauge (BG) from Panchgram Station to inside Cachar Paper Mill (CPM) premises.

Conversion of MG to BG will be completed by March 2017, which would enable mobilization of coal from other sources.

(c) No, Madam.
